

The Orphans' Court

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Pat Young, Chair Baltimore County House Delegation House Office Building 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

> Re: SB432/HB585 ORPHANS' COURT JUDGES AND SURVIVING SPOUSES – PENSIONS

Dear Delegate Young:

We, the Baltimore County Orphans' Court Judges, write to you in support of the cross-filed bills, SB432 and HB585.

At present, the Baltimore County Orphans' Court Judges are the only elected officials in Baltimore County not entitled to a pension.

As drafted, the Bill provides for a pension after 8 years of service.

Enactment of this legislation would make Baltimore County Orphans' Court

Judges pension similar and comparable to Baltimore City and the Counties of Allegheny,

Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Dorchester, Garrett, Howard, Prince George's, St.

Mary's, Somerset, Washington, Wicomico and Worcester.

We respectfully request your support with respect to SB432 and HB585.

Very truly yours,

Chief Judge William R. Evans

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